

REMARKS

In response to the Official Action mailed March 27, 2003, Applicants amend their application and request reconsideration. In this Amendment claims 24-27 and 33 are cancelled and new claims 35 and 36 are added so that claims 23, 28-32, and 34-36 are now pending.

In response to the rejections as to form, all claims have been reviewed and amended as appropriate. As demanded by the Examiner, a specific lithium salt is now identified in the two independent claims and claim 29 is conformed to the disclosure of the patent application. Claim 23 now describes directly applying the first and second mixtures directly to the aluminum and copper foils. Newly added independent claim 35 describes the formation of sheets of the respective slurries and the application of those sheets to the aluminum and copper foils. These clarifying amendments are all fully supported by the application as filed. Newly added claim 35 is clearly derived from claim 23, based upon the original disclosure of the patent application. Newly added claim 36 is derived from original claim 28. Claims 31 and 32 are amended to refer to the newly added claims rather than the cancelled claims they formerly referred to. Claims 31 and 32 are clearly supported by the application as filed.

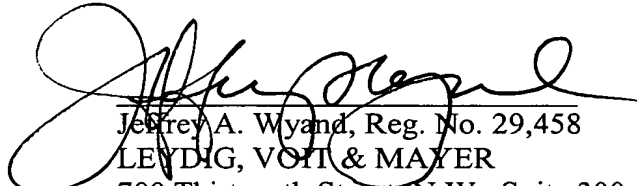
There is a further amendment of the claims to describe the formation of a battery having three plates in which the negative plate is sandwiched between two positive plates with appropriate separators interposed so that the battery operates properly. The resulting structure is described in the original patent application with respect to Figure 2 and the batteries partially depicted in Figures 3A and 3B. For example, see the sentence at page 4, lines 23 and 24. Attention is also directed to the example described at page 6 of the patent application and particularly lines 14-16 of that page.

Subject to the clarification of the claims with respect to matters of form, the Examiner indicated that examined claims 23-29 were allowable. It is presumed, based upon that statement, that of the claims now pending claims 23, 28, 29, 35, and 36 are allowable. It is likewise assumed that the other remaining pending claims, claims 30-32 and 34, might be rejected on the same ground as examined claims 30-34. Those claims were rejected as anticipated by Fauteux et al. (U.S. Patent 4,925,752, hereinafter Fauteux). It is sufficient to point out that such a rejection would be erroneous because there is no description in Fauteux of forming a battery with the three plate structure as described in claims 23 and 35 and, thereby, in claims 30-32 and 34.

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Reconsideration and favorable action on the merits are earnestly solicited.

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